

## Track Neighborhood Crime with Neighborhood e-Watch!

Today I introduced a new service called Neighborhood e-Watch on the City of San Diego's website that provides automatic email alerts of recent crime activity in City of San Diego neighborhoods.

We continue our focus to provide more tools for public awareness in our efforts to fight crime. Like the **Megan's Law website** that I introduced last year, Neighborhood e-Watch is an additional tool in neighborhood policing for those who live and work in San Diego. By entering an address, you can receive information on a number of selected crimes that have occurred in your neighborhood or at the address entered. Having additional information about what's happening in your neighborhood is all part of our City's efforts to fight crime.

The website offers statistics from a variety of crime information categories within a one-mile radius of the provided location. Information is updated every 24 hours and sent via email to the subscriber. You can reach this new service at **ewatch.SanDiego.gov** If you get a chance, send me an email to **JMadaffer@SanDiego.gov** and let me know what you think of this new service.

#### At Long Last - A New Sign For Del Cerro and Allied Gardens Too!

We're building a new community entrance sign for Del Cerro and improving the medians on Del Cerro Boulevard and on College Avenue from I-8 to Camino Rico. The Del Cerro sign will be constructed of stone and installed in the center median.

In addition, ornamental stamped concrete will replace the ugly asphalt in the medians on College Avenue between F8 and Camino Rico and the Del Cerro Boulevard median between College Avenue and Madra Avenue. These new medians along with the beautiful Del Cerro entrance sign will help in our continued efforts to improve the community and support the businesses surrounding the Del Cerro Center.

Please join Mayor Dick Murphy and me when we break ground this Saturday, May 10th. This community celebration will take place in the Windmill Farms parking lot at 12:30 p.m. It promises to be a brief and enjoyable event.

I'm also pleased to announce that as part of this median construction project, I'm including a new entrance sign for Allied Gardens. Also constructed of rock (similar to the existing sign at the triangle of Zion and Waring), it will be installed at the intersection of Adobe Falls and Waring Roads.

# **New Comfort Station Dedication on May 17**



You are invited to celebrate the dedication of the Lake Murray Comfort Station. We broke ground one year ago and now we have a wonderful new facility. It is an impressive building that contains a snack bar, restrooms and storage area. The first thing you notice is the baseball theme. Everyone that uses Lake Murray Community Park, especially our youth sports

teams and their supporters, are very pleased with the results.

Mayor Dick Murphy and I are hosting the community dedication ceremony on Saturday, May 17th and we invite you to join us. The event will begin at 12:00 noon at the ball fields at Lake Murray Community Park adjacent to Murray Park Drive. We will also unveil a donor board and recognize our generous contributors. A similar facility for Tierrasanta is partially funded for DePortola Fields



- more on that in a future email.

Be sure and join in on the many activities that same day at the 20th annual Lake Murray Community Picnic and Street Fair.

I look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Residential Burglar Operating in the Area**

San Diego Police report that a residential burglar has been operating in Del Cerro and San Carlos. The most recent incident took place this weekend near Regner Road. Residents are asked to be on the lookout for a white male with bushy white hair, 5'8" - 5'10" in height and possibly driving a white mini pick-up truck. The suspect apparently enters homes from the backyard between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. If you see anything matching this description, you are asked to contact San Diego Police at 619-531-2000. You may also visit the San Diego Police Department Community Storefront at Jackson and Navajo for flyers and more information.

#### **Remembering Officer Gerald Griffin**

It was a sad day for all of us attending the very moving memorial service for Officer Gerald "Gerry" Griffin. He was the 36th San Diego Police Officer killed in the line of duty. On April 15th Officer Griffin was on routine traffic patrol monitoring speeders in Pacific Beach when he was hit by a speeding car. He died 10 days later. There were nearly 1,500 people attending the service in Mission Valley.

I knew Gerry and remember what a fine and fun loving person he was. He was all that a member of the SDPD should be. Dedicated to his job, he passed up a promotion to Detective so he could be outdoors and working from his police motorcycle. During the service I couldn't help but think that if those who speed would simply remember to drive the speed limit, perhaps funerals like Gerry's could be avoided.

Again - please remember - the speed limit on our residential streets is 25 MPH.

## **College Area Farmers Market Open For All**

College Area Farmers Market - Check out the new Farmers Market held every Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at 63rd and El Cajon Boulevard in the old Albertson's parking lot. Last week I went to the very first one and was impressed with the variety of what's available including llama rides, a climbing wall, lots of food vendors, flowers and more. Congratulations to the College Area BID for organizing and hosting the weekly Farmers Market.